

CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LODI
COUNCIL CHAMBER, CITY HALL
FEBRUARY 3, 1954

This regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Lodi held beginning at 8:00 o'clock p.m. of Wednesday, February 3, 1954; Councilmen Hillman, Preszler, Robinson and Richey (Mayor) present; Rinn absent.

Minutes of the previous meetings, January 6, 1954, and January 20, 1954, were approved as written and mailed.

COMMUNICATIONS

DR. BOEHMER
TERM
S.J.L.H.D. A letter from the Secretary of the Board of Trustees, San Joaquin Local Health District, informing the City Council that the Board of Trustees had classified themselves by lot to determine their terms of office and that the term of Dr. A. C. Boehmer was determined to be for a period of four years.

REQUEST
VACATION
OF ALLEY
IN BLOCK 36
CITY OF LODI Letter from Eugene E. Olwell and Genevieve M. Olwell, owners of Block 36, City of Lodi (Salem School grounds) stating that they have entered into negotiations to sell the property to Safeway Stores and requesting that the alley in said block be abandoned to permit the location of a building in the center of the block. It was also requested in the letter that the sewer and water lines presently lying in the alley be relocated to a suitable location to be determined by Safeway Stores and the City Engineer. Mr. Weller stated that there is some possibility that the sewer installation in Washington Street, now under construction, will enable abandonment of the sewer line presently in the alley in question. Councilman Robinson stated that he would interpret the letter from Mr. Olwell to mean that either the present or future owners of the property will bear the cost of the relocation of the utility lines. He added that if anyone would object to the abandonment of the alley, he would be the one in the best position to do so, and he could see no objection to the proposal. On the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second, Ordinance No. 507, declaring the intention of the City Council to abandon the alley in Block 36, was introduced.

ORD. NO. 507
INTRODUCED

PUBLIC HEARINGS

MEHRER
PROTEST
FRANCHISE
INFRINGEMENT Mr. Andrew Mehrer addressed the City Council to state that both Greyhound Lines and Gibson Lines, as a matter of practice, pick up and discharge passengers within the City limits, thereby infringing upon his franchise. Mr. Weller assured Mr. Mehrer that he would direct letters to both Greyhound and Gibson informing them of the franchise and asking them to discontinue the practice.

REPORTS OF THE CITY MANAGER

RES. #1801
ADOPTED The City Manager presented the tabulation of bids for the construction of the expansion of the sewage disposal plant. The bids ranged from a high of \$140,000 to a low of \$98,403.00. Mr. Weller explained that the experience and record of the low bidder, Arthur J. Stahl of San Francisco, had been investigated by the City Engineer and such

AWARD
CONTRACT FOR
CONSTRUCTION
OF SEWAGE
PLANT
EXPANSION

investigation showed him to be a responsible contractor. Mr. Weller recommended the award be made to Mr. Stahl as the lowest responsible bidder. Resolution No. 1801, awarding the contract to Arthur J. Stahl for the construction of the sewage disposal plant expansion for the contract price of \$98,403.00, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second.

RES. #1803
ADOPTED

AWARD CONTRACT
FOR EQUIPMENT
SEWAGE PLANT

The City Manager then recommended that the award of Items No. 11, 12, 13 and 15 of the bids for equipment and machinery for the sewer expansion be made at this time. These items had been deferred at the meeting of the City Council held December 23, 1954, pending the award of the contract for the construction of the project. On the motion of Councilman Preszler, Robinson second, the Council voted to adopt Resolution No. 1803, awarding the contract for machinery and equipment as follows:

Item No.	Item	Vendor	Cost
11	Sludge Heating System	Chicago Pump Co.	\$ 8,962.00
12	Gas Utilization Equip.	Dorr Co.	1,716.00
13	Digester Equipment	Dorr Co.	8,481.00
15	Sewage Flow Meter	Bailey Meter Co.	1,179.00
			\$20,338.00

RES. #1802
ADOPTED

AWARD THREE
POLICE CARS

Mr. Weller then presented the following tabulation of bids received February 1, 1954, for furnishing three automobiles for use in the Police Department:

Vendor	Standard Shift	Automatic Shift
Loewen Auto Co. (Chevrolet)	\$4,167.88	\$4,608.98
Krieger Motor Co. (Ford)	4,175.00	4,613.48
Woodrow Mitchell (Plymouth)	5,283.56	5,224.69
John Drew Motors (Plymouth)	5,162.00	5,532.80
John Drew Motors (Dodge)	6,119.90	6,595.76
Herr Motor Co. (Mercury)	6,006.56	6,500.96
L. G. Brown (Oldsmobile)	6,700.00	7,235.05

Mr. Weller added that the Chief of Police had indicated he had no preference between the two low bidders, but he did prefer the model with the standard shift because experience with the automatic shift indicates a higher operational cost. Councilman Robinson suggested that the City might retain one of the cars scheduled for trade-in for use by the Juvenile Officer since the value of the trade-in was so low. Mr. Weller stated that the Chief of Police was interested in more autos in order to place more patrol cars on the streets and he felt it would be hard to justify the addition of cars to the department that did not increase the police coverage. He also pointed out that the cars to be traded in were in very poor operating condition. Resolution No. 1802, awarding the contract for the three police cars to Loewen Auto Company, was adopted on the motion of Councilman Hillman, Preszler second.

BARKHEIMER
STADIUM
LEASE

Mayor Richey was authorized to sign an agreement with Bob Barkheimer of San Jose for the lease of Lodi Stadium for the purpose of holding weekly auto races for twenty weeks on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Preszler second.

AUTHORIZE
PURCHASE
OF AYERS
PROPERTY IN
GERARD TRACT

The City Manager presented a proposal for the purchase of a piece of property from Melber Ayers bounded by Holly Drive, Lake Street and Pacific Avenue. Mr. Weller explained that in programming the electrical system conversion, the Superintendent of Utilities found that a site would be needed in the area of Westwood Homes Subdivision for a substation. The Ayers property will be satisfactory for the proposed purpose. Mr. Weller further explained that after negotiations with Mr. Ayers, the price of \$1500 was agreed upon as satisfactory to both parties. He then recommended that the City purchase the property at the stated price. On the motion of Councilman Preszler, Hillman second, the City Manager was authorized to proceed with the purchase of the property from Mr. Ayers for \$1500.

SOUTHERN
PACIFIC CO.
LEASE FOR
PARKING LOT

Mr. Weller presented the proposed lease of the Southern Pacific property on North Sacramento Street to the City Council for consideration. He explained that the Southern Pacific had agreed to lease a parcel of approximately 66' x 160' to the City for off-street parking at a cost of \$240 per year, which represents the approximate amount of property tax charged to the property. As a protection to the investment by the City for parking facilities, the Southern Pacific Company has agreed to refund a portion of the amount invested in the event the lease is cancelled within five years. The amount of the refund is to depend upon the time the lease has been in effect. The Company also agreed that the terms of this lease will not affect the other Southern Pacific Company property under lease to the City. On the motion of Councilman Hillman, Preszler second, the Mayor was authorized to execute the lease agreement, and the City Manager was requested to have sketches of the proposed parking lot prepared.

FREEWAY
AGREEMENT

Mr. Weller then submitted the proposed Freeway Agreement received from the State Division of Highways. The agreement covers only that portion of the proposed freeway which passes within the City's boundary lines. Mr. Weller stated that he felt that it should be understood by the Division of Highways that the City is not prepared at this time to determine the City's needs for interchanges or grade separations. The proposed agreement was then referred to the City Manager and the City Attorney for the preparation of a cover letter.

CLAIMS

Claims in the amount of \$133,661.48 were approved on the motion of Councilman Robinson, Hillman second.

Councilman Robinson then referred to the financial report submitted to the members of the City Council. After discussion of the report and its contents, Councilman Robinson stated that he felt the financial position of the City was very good.

The meeting was then adjourned at 9:15 p.m. on the motion of Councilman Robinson.

ATTEST:

Henry A. Glaves, Jr.
HENRY A. GLAVES, JR.
City Clerk